

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging citizen awareness of umbilical cord blood donation and its opportunities and benefits available to the public.

WHEREAS, umbilical cord blood contains valuable stem cells that are currently being used for treatment and research in place of the more controversial embryonic stem cells obtained by destroying a living human fertilized egg; and

WHEREAS, more than fifteen major disease categories are currently treatable through transplantation of these valuable stem cells extracted from umbilical cord blood. These diseases include non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, breast cancer, renal cell carcinoma, inherited immune system disorders, Neiman-Pick disease, sickle cell disease, and osteoporosis. Promising research efforts include spinal cord repair and a potential cure for Lou Gehrig's disease; and

WHEREAS, umbilical cord blood may be donated to a publicly accessible certified umbilical cord blood bank rather than be thrown away as medical waste. The collection does not pose any health risk to the mother or baby and does not affect the birth process in any way; and

WHEREAS, the collection and storage of the umbilical cord blood will be at no expense to the patient and will be arranged by the umbilical cord blood bank. Such umbilical cord blood banks are easily found through the internet or written materials:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that all citizens are encouraged to become aware of umbilical cord blood donation and its opportunities and benefits to the public.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 11, 2005
February 15, 2005

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Speaker of the House

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